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Filing Date	January 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Takuya Nishimura, et al.
Art Unit	2134
Examiner Name	Tongoc Tran
Attorney Docket No.	MTS-V03176

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Appln. No: 09/403,071
Applicant: T. Nishimura et al.
Filed: January 13, 2000
Title: DIGITAL AV DATA TRANSMITTING UNIT, DIGITAL AV DATA
RECEIVING UNIT, DIGITAL AV DATA TRANSCIEIVING SYSTEM,
AND MEDIUM
TC/A.U.: 2134
Examiner: T. Tran
Confirmation No.: 6807
Docket No.: MTS-V03176

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 FOR
CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLAIM OF FOREIGN PRIORITY**

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S I R :

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on October 13, 1999 and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental IDS) on February 6, 2004. A copy of both the IDS and Supplemental IDS, as filed and a copy of the return postcards evidencing receipt of the IDS and Supplemental IDS by the PTO is enclosed. These Information Disclosure Statements, although properly filed, have not been considered.

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge all of the references cited in Applicants' IDS filed October 13, 1999 and that the Examiner also acknowledge Applicants' Supplemental IDS filed February 6, 2004. In addition, the Examiner has

not acknowledged in the Notice of Allowability, Applicants' claim of foreign priority and Applicants therefore request that such acknowledgement be made.

In the IDS filed October 13, 1999, Applicants indicate that the enclosed references, while not in the English language, were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Thus under MPEP 609A(3), a concise explanation is therefore satisfied by an English language version of the Search Report which requires that the Examiner acknowledge that he has considered the identified references. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner consider and acknowledge consideration of such references by returning to Applicants a copy of the Form PTO-1449 attached to the IDS filed October 13, 1999.

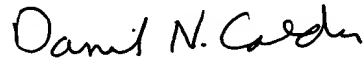
In addition, the Examiner has not returned the Form PTO-1449 attached to Applicants Supplemental IDS filed October 6, 2004. Applicants request that the Examiner consider and acknowledge these references by returning to Applicants the Form PTO-1449.

Further, the Notice of Allowability issued October 7, 2004 does not acknowledge Applicants' claim of foreign priority, that the subject application is a US National Phase Application of PCT International Application PCT-JP-99-00533. Thus, certified copies of the priority documents have been provided in the National Stage Application from the International Bureau. Such should be acknowledged by the Examiner in a Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

It is respectfully requested that issuance of the above-identified application be suspended until the IDS, Supplemental IDS, and Supplemental Notice of Allowability have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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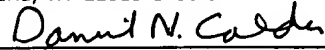
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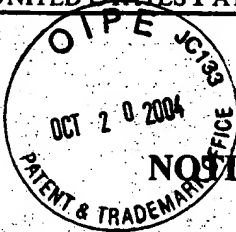
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/403,071	01/13/2000	TAKUYA NISHIMURA	MTS-V03176	6807

TITLE OF INVENTION: DIGITAL AV DATA TRANSMITTING UNIT, DIGITAL AV DATA RECEIVING UNIT, DIGITAL AV DATA TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING UNIT, AND MEDIUM

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nonprovisional	NO	\$1370	\$0	\$1370	01/07/2005

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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
TRAN, TONGOC	2134	380-200000

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. NOTE: The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Extension is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Section 1.18 Patent post allowance (including issue) fees.

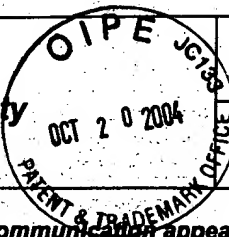
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Application No.

09/403,071

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to supplementary preliminary amendment filed on 9/3/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-9, 12, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 31-42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 October 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: H10-031,847, H10-151,586, H0-244,825.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 8/9/2004 and Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on 9/3/2004. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 17, 20, 22-23, 31-33 have been amended. Claims 4, 10-11, 13-16, 18-19, 21, 24-30 and 43 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 17, 20, 22, 23, and 31-42 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. *Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 31-42 are allowed.*

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to providing authentication between digital AV data units including at least a data significance deciding means for deciding the significant degree of digital AV data and plurality of authentication rules storing means. The cited prior art, Okuyama et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,126), Ekushingu (JP Patent No. 08-214090) and Al-Tuwaijry ("High Speed RSA Processor", 1991), fail to teach "the public and secret keys or the common key are used for transmitting a sole single key from a transmission unit to a plurality of receiving units depending on the security level, such that the sole single key does not depend on the respective receiving units, and is used when the digital AV data is transmitted from the transmitting unit to the receiving units, and if the first rule or the second rule is selected by the transmitting-side authenticating means, the digital AV data encrypted using the transmitted sole single key is transmitted from the transmitting unit to the receiving units".

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The art of record either singularly or in combination, do not anticipate or render the above underline claimed limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tongoc Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-7690 or (571) 272-3842 after 10/21/2004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A. Morse can be reached on (703) 308-4789 or (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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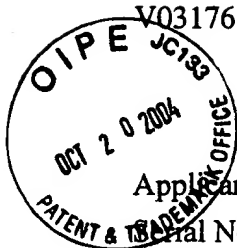
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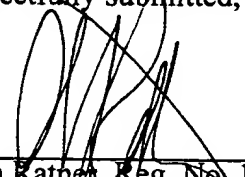
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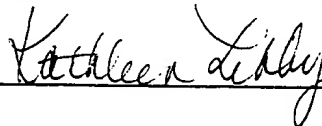
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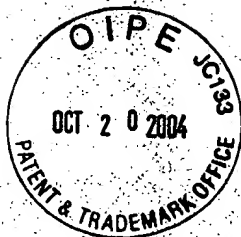
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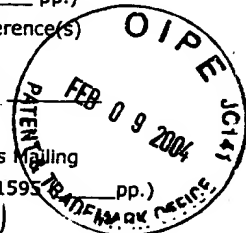
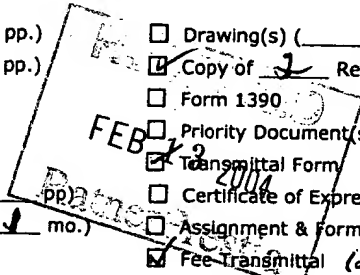
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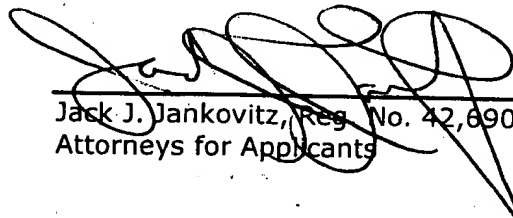
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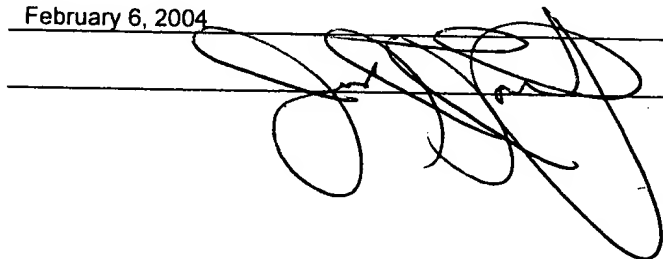
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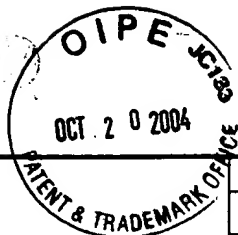
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